

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has amended the specification to provide patent numbers in addition to or instead of corresponding application numbers. No new matter has been added.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-81 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-129 of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,276.

Applicant has enclosed a terminal disclaimer herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Claims 1-81 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 of U.S. Patent No. 6,700,809. Applicant has enclosed a terminal disclaimer herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Claims 1-81 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-39 of co-pending Application No. 10/999,798 (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0129198). Applicant has enclosed a terminal disclaimer herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-81 are in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be helpful in any way, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

A Petition for Extension of Time and an Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$1,590.00 is enclosed to cover (1) the Terminal Disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) [3 x \$130.00 = \$390.00], (2) the Extension of Time fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) [\$1020] and (3) the Information Disclosure Statement fee under 1.17(p) [\$180.00]. Authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account 501914 for any fee deficiency associated with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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